

# Overview of the Regional Advisory Committees

Report to the Joint Board of  
Fisheries and Game

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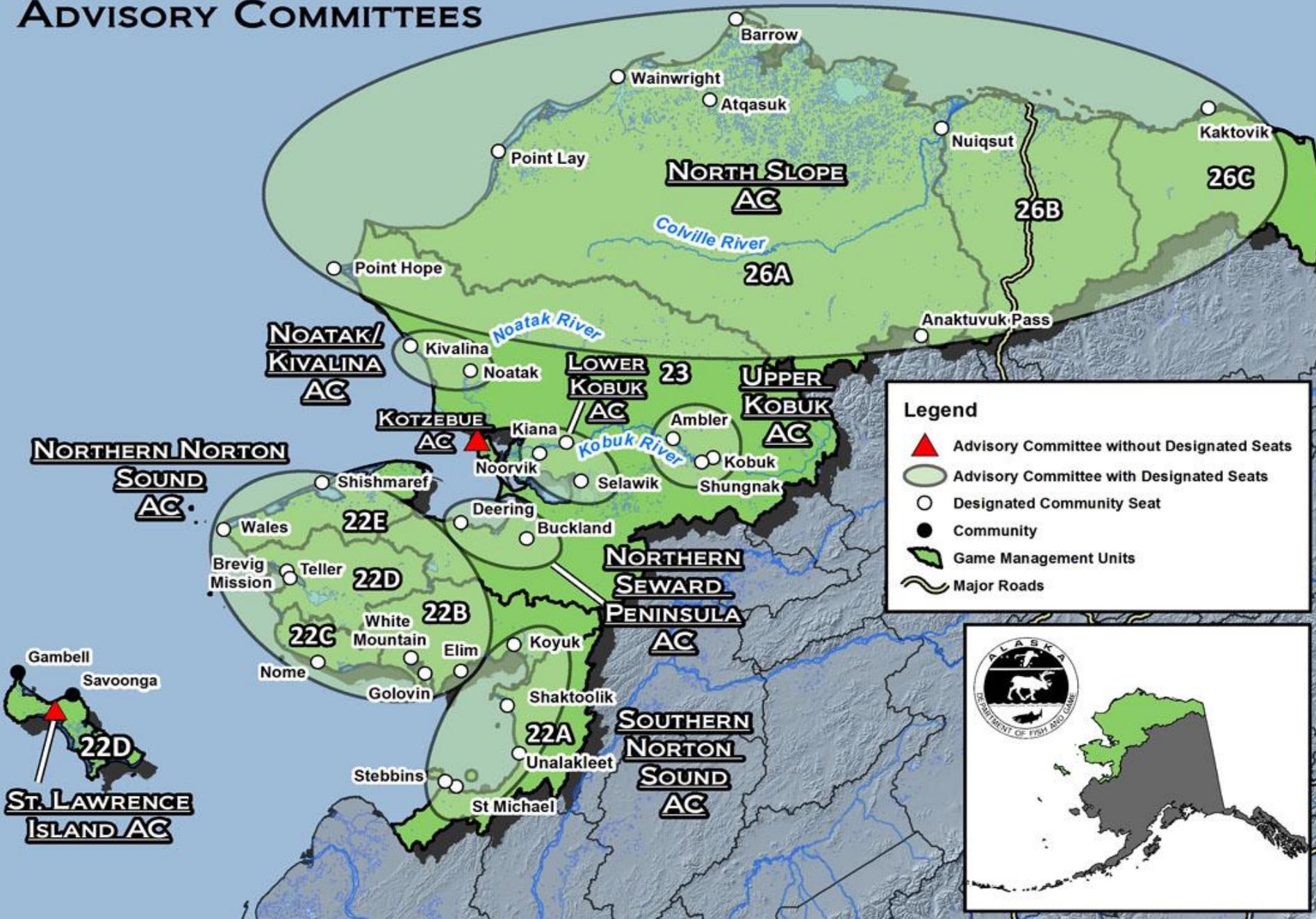
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# OVERVIEW

- Regional advisory committee reports
- General issues



# ARCTIC REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES



**Legend**

- Advisory Committee without Designated Seats
- Advisory Committee with Designated Seats
- Designated Community Seat
- Community
- Game Management Units
- Major Roads



# Arctic Region

- 9 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ 7 Active
  - ✓ All Rural
  - ✓ None connected to road system

# Challenges & Highlights

- Multiple land owners
- Federal and state partnerships
- Importance of local traditional knowledge in management



# Proposals

- **Proposal 10**: Seeks to reduce undesignated seats for advisory committees in the Arctic region.

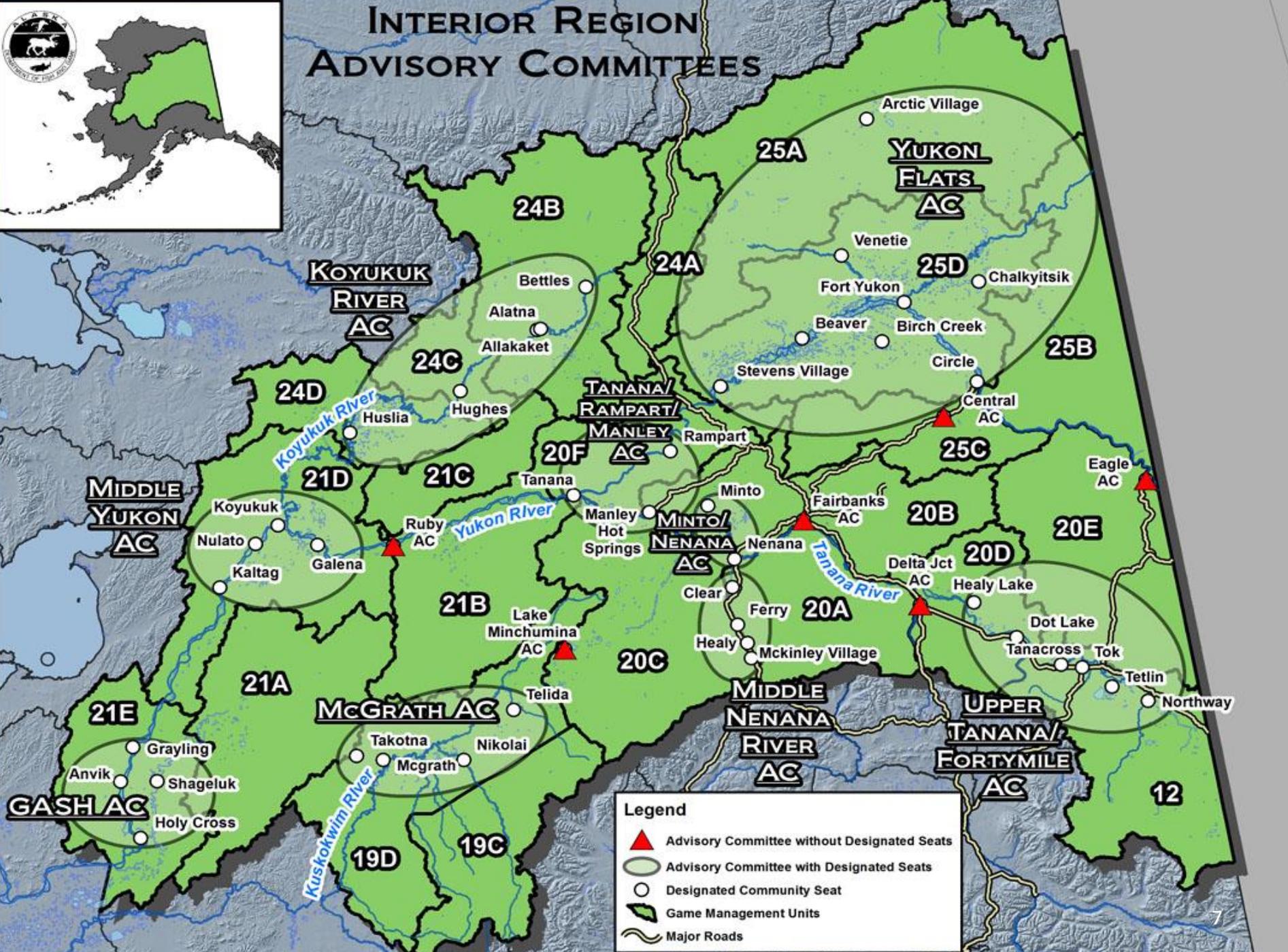
*Proposer: ADF&G*

- **Proposal 14**: Seeks to include the Kotzebue Advisory Committee in the westward area king crab area of jurisdiction.

*Proposer: ADF&G*



# INTERIOR REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES



**Legend**

- ▲ Advisory Committee without Designated Seats
- Advisory Committee with Designated Seats
- Designated Community Seat
- Game Management Units
- Major Roads

# Interior Region

- 15 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ 14 Active
    - ✓ 10 Rural
    - ✓ 4 Road System



# Challenges & Highlights

- Vast area
- Divergent Priorities
- Dual management
- ADF&G partnership
- Success stories
- Stewardship



# Proposals

- Proposal 6: Seeks to dissolve the Lake Minchumina Advisory Committee.

*Proposer: ADF&G*



# SOUTHCENTRAL REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES



**Legend**

- ▲ Advisory Committee without Designated Seats
- Advisory Committee with Designated Seats
- Designated Community Seat
- Community
- Game Management Units
- Major Roads

# Southcentral Region

- 18 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ All Active
  - ✓ 4 Rural
  - ✓ 14 Road System

# Challenges & Highlights

- Political and allocative issues
- Identify local issues
- Retaining secretaries
- Highly mobile
- Longstanding members
- Dedicated volunteers



# Proposals

- Proposal 38: Seeks to require the BOF to schedule shellfish regulations for any shellfish season that has been closed by EO for 24 consecutive months.

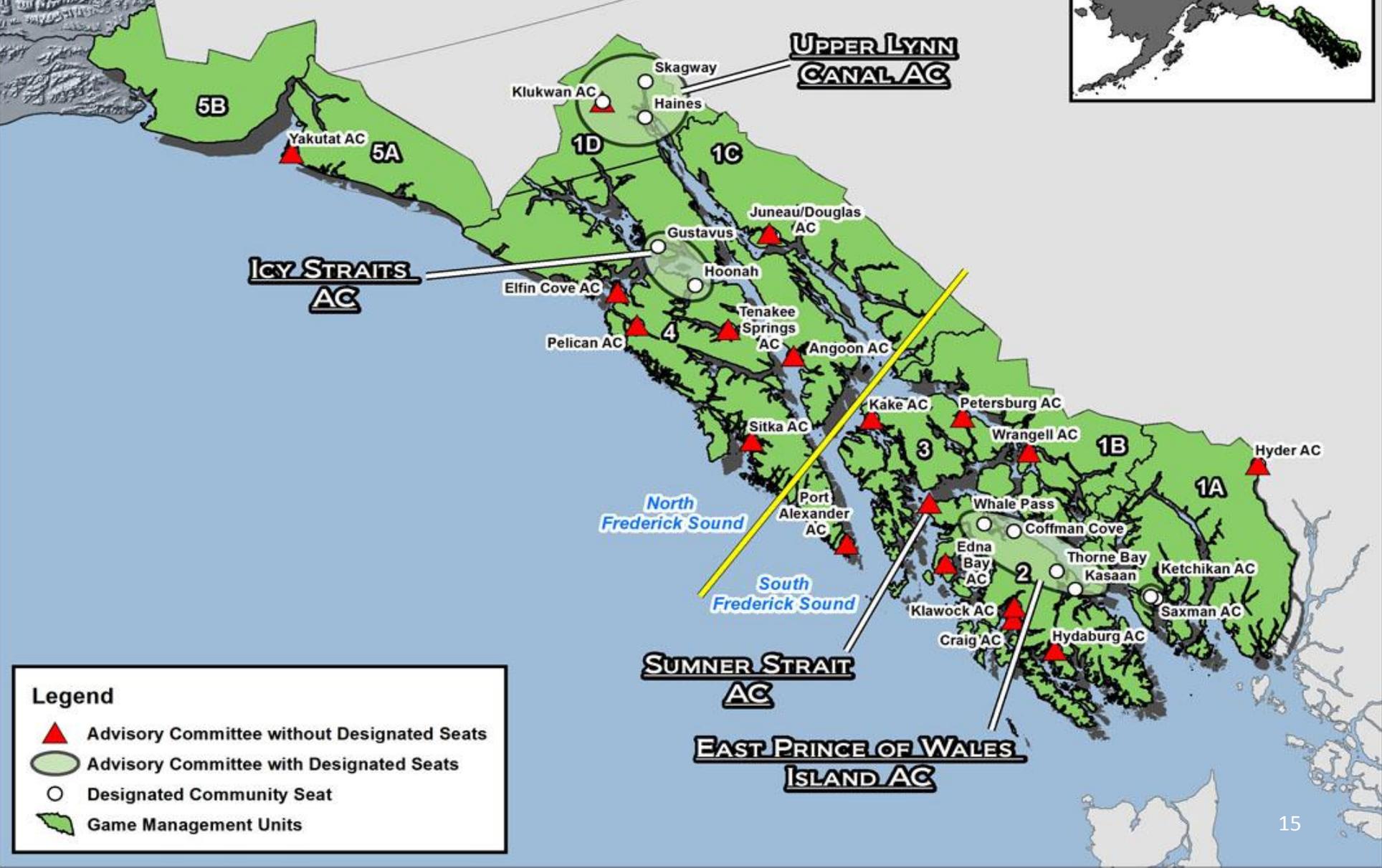
*Proposer: Homer AC*

- Proposal 19: Seeks to simplify the process for removing AC members for unjustifiable absences.

*Proposer: Kenai Soldotna AC*

- Proposal 13: Seeks to change the ACs having jurisdiction for the Cook Inlet-Resurrection Bay area. *Proposer: Seward AC*

# SOUTHEAST REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES



**Legend**

- Advisory Committee without Designated Seats
- Advisory Committee with Designated Seats
- Designated Community Seat
- Game Management Units

# Southeast Region

- 23 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ 7 on road system or with jet service are active
  - ✓ 4 regularly active
  - ✓ 4 inactive, plan to meet in 2019
  - ✓ 8 inactive
- Coastal Communities
  - ✓ Fisheries issues
  - ✓ Largely federal land



# Challenges & Highlights

- Inactive ACs
  - ✓ Recent & future re-activation
- Regional, state, federal, international cooperation



# Proposals

- Proposal 1: Seeks designated seats for the Craig AC.

*Proposer: Craig AC*

- Proposal 39: Seeks to correct the omission of Port Alexander AC from finfish and shellfish areas of jurisdiction.

*Proposer: ADF&G*



# SOUTHWEST REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES

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- Advisory Committee with Designated Seats
- Designated Community Seat
- Community
- Game Management Units
- Major Roads

**NUSHAGAK AC**

**LAKE ILIAMNA AC**

9B

9A

17B

17A

17C

**NAKNEK/  
KVICHAK AC**

**TOGIAK AC**

**LOWER BRISTOL BAY AC**

**KODIAK AC**

**CHIGNIK AC**

**UNALASKA/  
DUTCH HARBOR AC**

10

9D

King Cove AC

Sand Point AC

Shumagin Islands

Near Islands

Pribilof Islands

Andreanof Islands

Fox Islands

Unalaska

Akutan

Dutch Harbor

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Nelson Lagoon AC

Chignik Lake

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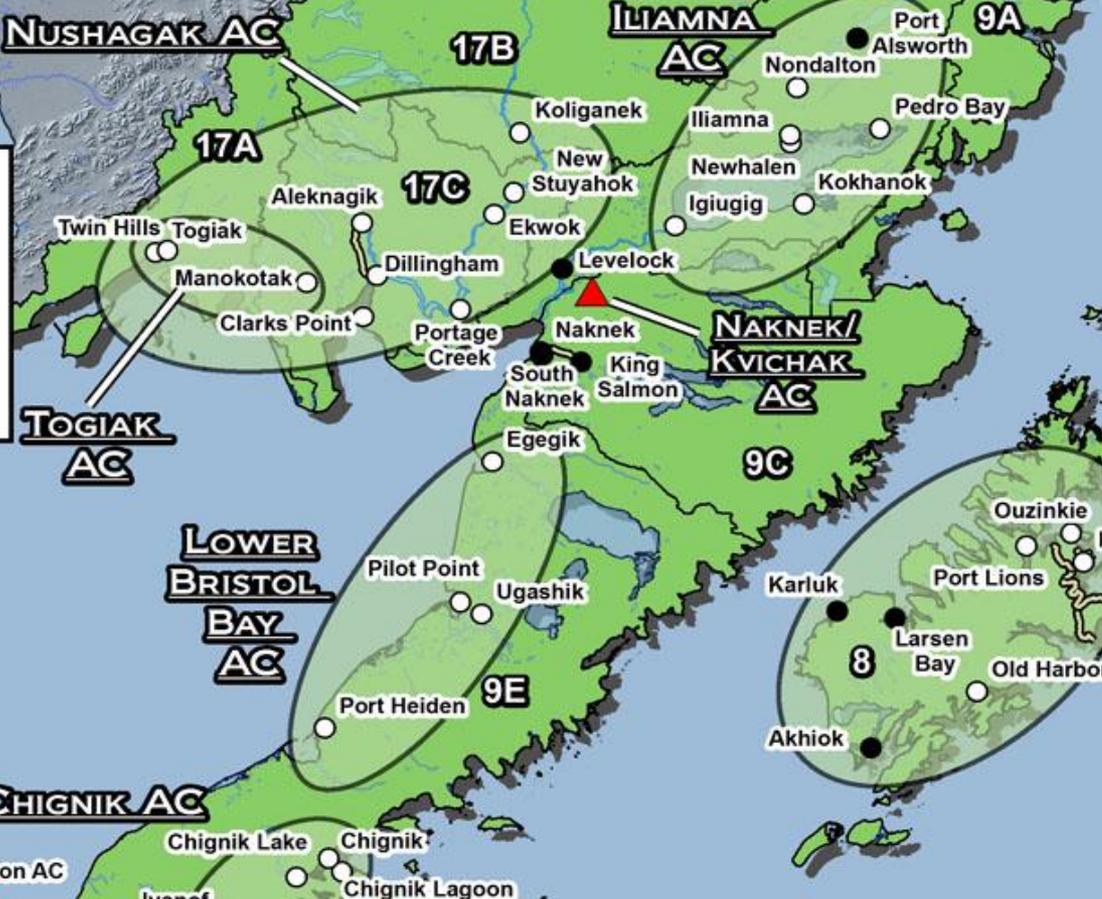
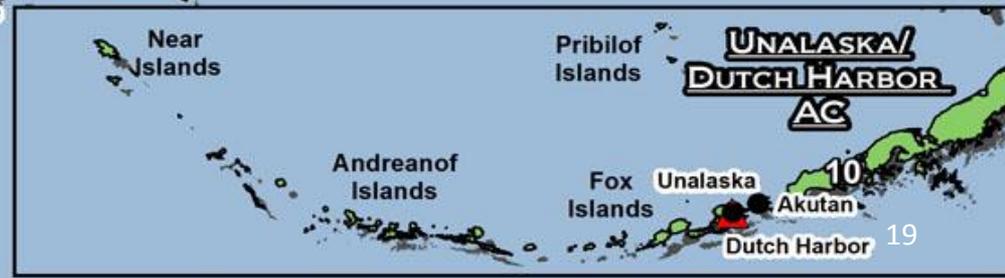
Ivanof Bay

Perryville

Port Moller

Cold Bay

False Pass AC



# Southwest Region

- 12 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ All active
  - ✓ All rural
  - ✓ None on road system
  - ✓ 6 serviced seasonally by the Alaska Marine Highway

# Challenges & Highlights

- Travel difficulties
- Year-round fisheries
- Multi-season hunts
- Dual management
- Volunteerism
- Collaboration



# Proposals

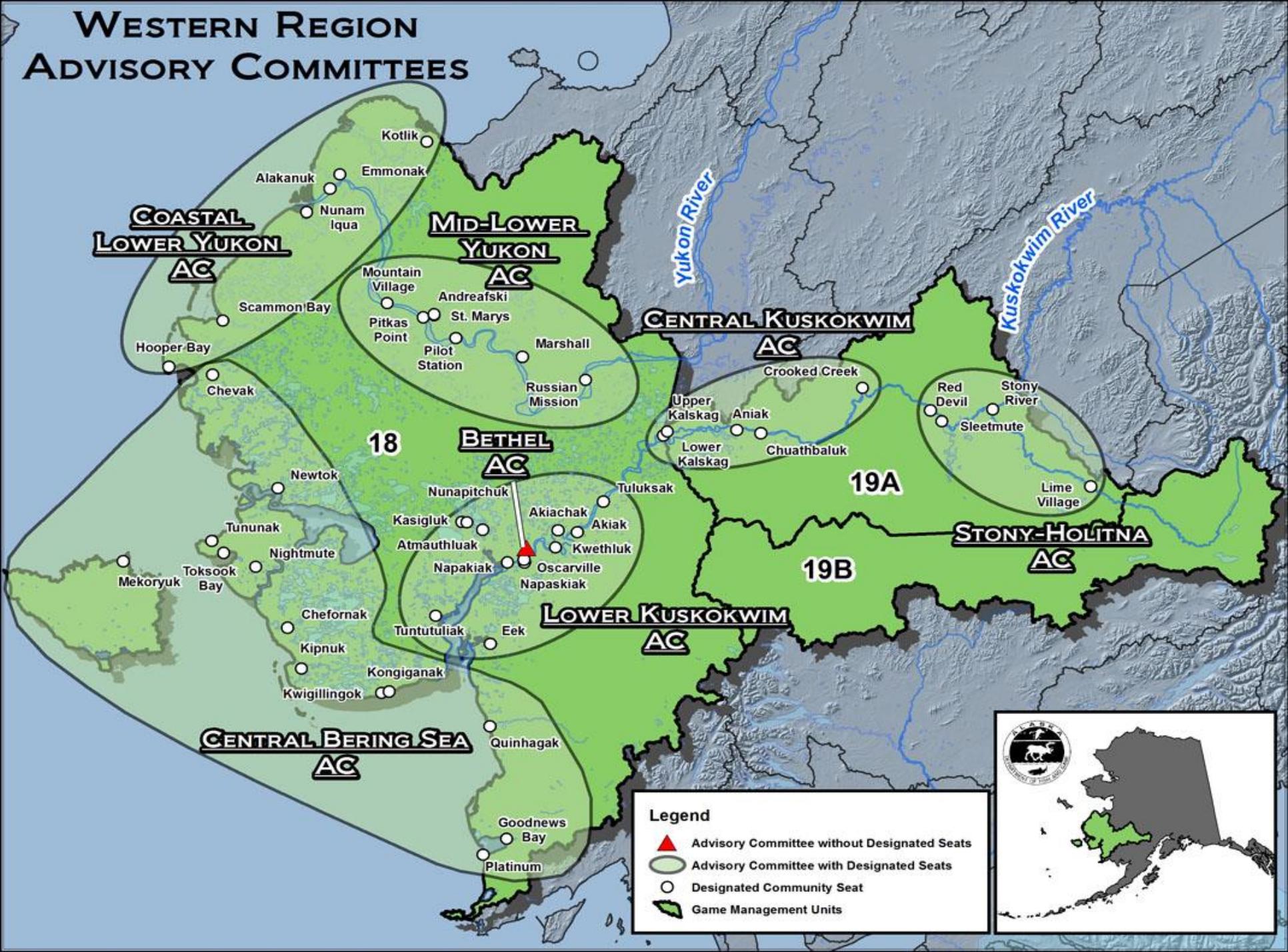
- **Proposal 7:** Seeks to reduce the membership for the Lake Iliamna Advisory Committee to ten and add designations for the communities of Pope Vannoy Landing and Port Alsworth.

*Proposer: Lake Iliamna AC*

- **Proposal 8:** Would establish seat designations for the Naknek/Kvichak Advisory Committee.

*Proposer: Everett Thompson*

# WESTERN REGION ADVISORY COMMITTEES



**COASTAL  
LOWER YUKON  
AC**

**MID-LOWER  
YUKON  
AC**

**CENTRAL KUSKOKWIM  
AC**

**BETHEL  
AC**

**STONY-HOLITNA  
AC**

**LOWER KUSKOKWIM  
AC**

**CENTRAL BERING SEA  
AC**

**Legend**

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-  Designated Community Seat
-  Game Management Units



# Western Region

- 7 Advisory Committees
  - ✓ All Active
  - ✓ All Rural
  - ✓ None on road system



# Challenges & Highlights

- Vast area
- Technological issues
- Climate change & weather
- Multi-management systems
- Culture and language
- Traditional/ local knowledge
- Collaboration



# Proposals

- **Proposal 2:** Would remove the community of Chevak from the Central Bering Sea AC and add it to the Coastal Lower Yukon AC.

*Proposer: ADF&G*

- **Proposal 3:** Seeks to add undesignated seats to the Central Kuskokwim AC

*Proposer: Lisa Feyereisen*

- **Proposal 4:** Request for the Stony/Holitna AC to be placed in the Interior Region.

*Proposer: Doug Carney*

- **Proposal 5:** Seeks to designated two Georgetown seats on the Stony/Holitna AC.

*Proposer: Georgetown Tribal Council*

# General Topics

- RC3 – Staff Report
- Advisory committee elections
  - Proposal 21: Amend advisory committee vacancy rules
- Uniform Rules of Operation
  - A suite of proposals: 11, 15, 17, 23, 25, 39-40

# General Topics

- Inactivity of advisory committees
  - Proposal 27: Remove concept of “active” v. “inactive” advisory committee
- Areas of Jurisdiction
  - Proposal 12: Limit AC members to local residents
  - Proposal 13: seeks to remove jurisdiction to two committees
  - Proposal 15: Amend emergency closure rules to involve just active ACs

# General Topics

- Advisory committee frustrations
  - Proposal 28 and 29: Increase committee participation during board deliberations
  - Proposal 33: Limiting board amendments and generated proposals
- AS 16.05.300 Board Meetings
  - Proposals 30-32: Defining work sessions, hearings, and repealing 5 AAC 96.600(b)

# General Topics

- Joint Board Petition Policy
  - Proposal 34: Address a contradiction related to the subsistence proposal policy
  - Proposal 35: Rewrite the petition policy
  - Proposal 36: Allow for response for emergency petitions.
- Subsistence Proposal Policy
  - Proposal 37: Repeal proposal policy
- Open Meetings Act
  - Proposal 22: Allow committee members to communicate via email
  - Proposal 24: Clarify role of Act in advisory committee system